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Guide to Collection

Chapman, John W. (John Wight), 1858-1939

John Wight Chapman Photograph Collection, ca. 1896-1920

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These views, including 17 nitrate negatives, were donated to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum around 1958. Safety film negatives have been made of selective views.

Descriptions in brackets were probably taken from negative envelopes as a few envelopes were found and seem to match. Our current methodology uses brackets for supplied descriptions. Nos. 24 and 26 descriptions from envelopes were added on 11/20/01. GK 11/20/01.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Reverend John Wight Chapman, an Episcopal missionary, arrived in Anvik in 1887 and in 1912 was presented a loving cup honoring his twenty-five years of service at that time. He lived at Anvik for 43 years until his retirement in 1930.²

While working in Alaska, Rev. Chapman photographed people of the Anvik area, including natives, prospectors, mail carriers and views showing various local activity. A portrait of Rev. Chapman and some of his photographs were published in his book *A Camp On the Yukon*. [Source: *Spirit of Missions*, Sept. 1912, p. 653-657, Chapman, John Wight. *A Camp on the Yukon*. Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y., Idlewild Press, 1948. viii.]

INVENTORY

- 1 [Anna Leo standing near Lucy's mother's dugout, 1920.]
- 2 [Chase & Kruger's team. Mission buildings in background, 1916.]
- 3 [Isaac and Oliver at the water hole, 1895]
- 4 [Leaving Anvik with 1023 lbs., of mail for Kaltag.] Reindeer hitching -up. Houses in background.
- 5 [Children's war garden, 1918]
- 6 [Jack Lawrence leaving for Nulato, March 1, 1898. A trip of 200 miles.] Dog team with village in background.
- 7 [Marchall Woods, dog team and sled, 1915.] Anvik, Alaska.
- 8 [Blueberry Picnic - the Bluffs, 1918.3 Native children standing in bow of boat, bluffs on left.
- 9 [Reindeer at the Anvik Mission.] Natives, reindeer and sled with village behind.
- 10 [A. McCracken, an old prospector, financed by a druggist in Spokane.] McCracken on snowshoes. (see also view 49)
- 11 [Mail hitching up and leaving. 17 dogs. No. 650 mail, 1920.]
- 12 Same as 11.
- 13 [Reindeer team bringing deer meat and selling at 30 cents a pound from Shageluk to Anvik.]
- 14 [Philip's tripping sled at Shageluk Portage.]
- 15 [J. Young's team at open water. Shageluk Portage, 1917.]
- 16 [Goshawk Bluff 6 miles above Anvik, 1918.]
- 17 [Nearing Wolf's Point in quiet weather, 1918.]
- 18 [Walton's mother cutting fish.] Fish racks in view.
- 19 [Breaking camp at Williams, Shageluk, 1919.]
- 20 [U.S. Mail Service March 26, 1900 - 1023lbs.] Men, dogs and sleds, village in background.

- 21 [The fishing point racks. Anvik Mission, 1916.] View from water.
- 22 [Arrival of U.S. Mail from the North. C.D. Wolf carrier, February 18, 1918.] Men, dogs and sled on snow covered river. Village in background.
- 23 [Watching the finish of the men's snowshoe race, Anvik, January 30, 1898.] Crowd of spectators.
- 24 [Spring flood, 1896.] Ice floe and water approaching log buildings. [From negative envelope]: 1896 - 404, Spring Flood, Yukon.
- 25 [Three councilmen of Anvik Mission, 1918. Thomas Painter, Frank Ignatius, Staniclaus Solovan.]
- 26 [Old school house, 1898 - March 1931.] Native with sled and snowshoes in foreground. [From negative envelope]: 3-31-'98 - 421, The Old School Building & H.H.C. [Chapman?] with the sled that Mr. Prickarts made for him.
- 27 [Mr. McConnell and Peter hauling wood. Mr. McConnell on gee-pole, 1916.] Sled, dogs and building in view.
- 28 [Assistant District Atty. C.E. Hill leaving for Iditarod March 7, 1919. "Cake Hill".] Men, sled and dogs, stacked lumber, picket fence and cache in view.
- 29 [The first snow. Anvik River mosquito fleet, October 1918.] View of boats and village.
- 30 [Kennedys. and turnips, 1916.] Five native children in garden with log home in background.
- 31 [Anvik Mission.]
- 32 [Everybody at one stick, 1915.] Photograph of a picture of people walking toward church.
- 33 [Trails on the Anvik River, 1918.] Snow covered river, village in background.
- 34 [Picnic on the snow near Anvik Mission, April 27, 1917.]
- 35 [A string of reindeer on the Anvik River, March 1918.] Village and mountains in background.
- 36 [The Breakup, 1916. Ice forced up on the Yukon half as high as the spruces.]
- 37 [Ticknon with a king salmon minus the head, 1891.]
- 38 [Getting gravel with launch - looking toward the Yukon, 1920.] Men working on shore.

- 39 [Carlson starting out for Iditarod. Mr. Stevstrom holding handle bars, February 11, 1919.3 Two men, dogs and sled climbing up hill to log buildings.
- 40 [Chase and Kruger's team by Old Anvik Village, 1917.] Chase and McConnell standing by sled. Village in background.
- 41 [Stanley at his fish trap at mouth of Anvik River, 1918.] Village in background.
- 42 [Anvik and Anvik River c. 1920.] Launches and village in background.
- 43 [Fish racks, Anvik, 1920.] View from river.
- 44 [Mr. Stevstrom, an old prospector, 1917.3
- 45 [Mr. Stevstrom and dog Sourdough, 1917.1 Mr. Stevstrom wearing winter parka.
- 46 [Joseph Mills, 1917.]
- 47 [William and Hazel Chase, March 7, 1917, Anvik.] Children wearing parkas.
- 48 [Mr. Chapman on beach below Chan's (Chare's?), 1917.]
- 49 [A. McCracken March 11, 1920, near Anvik.] Mr. McCracken wearing snowshoes. (See also view 10).
- 50 [Alex Jerve "Good Man" - lots of descendents in Anchorage, March 6, 1917.]
- 51 [Mission fish racks. Peter and Frank taking down and bundling the fish, 1898.]
- 52 [Goshawk Bluff. 6 miles above Anvik on the Yukon River, 1918.]
- 53 [Philip's tripping sled, 1917.] Someone in sled, four dogs and Philip.]
- 54 [Shageluk village, 1917.] Man and dog in snowcovered foreground.
- 55 [Nearing Wolf's Point on the Yukon River in quiet weather, 1918] View from water, by structure on point.
- 56 [Arrival Of U.S. Mail from the north carrier, Lawrence, May 5, 1917.] Dogteam pulling sled.
- 57 [Chase and Kruger's, team near Old Anvik Village.]
- 58 [Bag made by Simon's mother. Ornaments of deer teeth and blackfish bones.]
- 59 [Wooden masks on display.]

- 60 [Noon Camp on the Shakeluk Portage. Group of men having an after-dinner smoke. Dogs in foreground.]
- 61 [Lucy's mother's dugout. January 16, 1921.]
- 62 February sunshine 1917. [Anvik church, overlooking snow-covered village and river. One boat called the Gloria per Donna MacAlpine, Anvik H.S.]
- 63 Claim jumping On the range [Reindeer herd grazing on snow-covered grounds.]
- 64 [Three Holy Cross Natives]
- 65 Anvik, Alaska-. July. [Steamer Seattle 3 pulling gasoline cargo.]
- 66 [Walter's father, 1917]
- 67 [Chief Alexo of Notogochakat: A man of character 1917]
- 68 [Fish trap in the Yukon River through the ice with James Fox and Charlie Bryan?]
- 69 [Frank's fish rack with two men and three children. 1916]
- 70 [The new house and first Ice - Anvik, Oct. 7, 1919, [village from river, Episcopal church, center with buildings left and right; ice right foreground.]
- 71 U.S. Mail -leaving [Anvik] for Holy Cross. Feb. 19, 1917 [loaded sleds and dog teams on river ice, foreground; buildings on shore beyond.]
- 72 Christ's Church--Episcopalian--Anvik [exterior view of small wooden church; water, right; village, center, behind church].
- 73 Spring flood--1896--at the Anvik Mission [water, right and foreground; church, left, at edge of water].

INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES

Negatives stored in freezer in Vault

1 Box - Combined with PCA 37(Childs)